

than 1,000 acres of town-owned open space are set aside for recreational use, and Trumbull is renowned for its numerous public parks. Trumbull has also invested in its children by establishing an excellent youth sports program. In fact, one of the town's and the State of Connecticut's proudest moments came when a resilient group of 11- and 12-year-olds from Trumbull pulled off one of the greatest upsets in baseball history and won the Little League World Series in 1988.

Trumbull's motto is "Pride in our past. Faith in our future." I would like to personally say that the people of Trumbull should be very proud of their town's history and heritage. But more important, I have complete faith that the future for the people of Trumbull will be even brighter than the past. I congratulate the town of Trumbull on this historic milestone and offer my best wishes for future centuries of success and prosperity.

#### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL PARK AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

• Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, as part of the Interior appropriations bill (H.R. 2107) the Senate adopted an amendment I offered with Senator STEVENS to create a National Park and Environmental Improvement Fund. The fund is financed with \$800 million in disputed oil revenue awarded to the Federal Government by the Supreme Court. Under the amendment, the annual interest from the fund would be available, subject to appropriation, for top priority capital improvements within the National Park System; to assist States with their own park planning and development; and to finance ocean research.

As I stated, disbursements of the interest revenue would be subject to appropriation. I want to be clear that it is not our intent to create this fund in vain, by appropriating the interest and reducing other vital park or environmental accounts in order to remain below the applicable budget caps. Our goal and intent is to ensure these funds will supplement the appropriations parks and environmental accounts would otherwise receive. The distinguished chairmen of the Budget Committee and the Appropriations Committee have agreed to work to ensure that end and I thank them for their courtesy and leadership.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, the Senator is correct. I look forward to working with him next year to address this issue during the budget process to ensure this fund provides additional resources to meet park and relevant environmental needs so that it will not require offsets from other park or vital environmental accounts.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I concur with my colleagues, and I will work as chairman of the Appropriations Committee to make sure that these funds are additional, not replacement,

revenues to meet park and environmental purposes.●

#### ELIMINATION OF SECRET SENATE "HOLDS"

• Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I am submitting for the RECORD a notification of a proposal I intend to offer.

I ask that the proposal be printed in the RECORD.

The proposal follows:

(Purpose: To eliminate secret Senate "holds")

At the appropriate place, insert:

#### SEC. . ELIMINATING SECRET SENATE "HOLDS."

(a) STANDING ORDER.—It is a standing order of the Senate that a Senator who provides notice to leadership of his or her intention to object to proceeding to a motion or matter shall disclose the objection (hold) in the Congressional Record not later than 2 session days after the date of said notice.

(b) RULEMAKING.—This section is adopted—  
(1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the Senate and as such it is deemed a part of the Rules of the Senate and it supersedes other rules only to the extent that it is inconsistent with such rules; and

(2) with full recognition of the constitutional right of the Senate to change its rules at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of the Senate.●

#### RETIREMENT TRIBUTE TO JIM WENGERT

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to the work of Jim Wengert—a good friend and great fighter for working people across the state of Iowa and around the country.

For well over a generation, Jim Wengert has been a leader at the Iowa Federation of Labor. From 1966 to 1979, he was Secretary-Treasurer of the statewide organization. And from 1979 until his retirement this year, Jim has been at the helm of the Iowa Federation of Labor serving as its President.

Prior to his years at the Iowa Fed, Jim worked at Swift and Company in Sioux City. In 1952, he joined Local 71 of the United Packinghouse Workers of America and he wasted no time rising up the ranks. He served as Vice President and Steward of his local—and Recording Secretary and President of the Woodbury County Labor Council.

In addition, Jim has been a legislator in the Iowa General Assembly, and a member of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, the University of Iowa Labor Advisory Committee, and the Iowa Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee.

Mr. President, Jim Wengert has had a long and distinguished career but there is a common thread that weaves all his work together. For almost half a century, Jim Wengert has been on the frontlines of the battle for dignity and economic and social justice for the working people of this country.

That fight has not been easy—far too often, the deck has been stacked against working people. But Jim never picked his battles because the odds

were on his side. He did it because America's best values were on his side. Values like dignity, justice and fair play. Time and again, Jim Wengert put it on the line for workers on the line.

To Jim, it's simple. Fighting for working people is a labor of love. That's why he has used his position and his platform to speak out for good jobs, a living wage, secure pensions, and a better future for our children and grandchildren.

And if one looks across the landscape of Iowa and at all that's happened that's been good for working people, I guarantee you'll find the fingerprints of Jim Wengert. Because whether it's passing legislation, electing progressive candidates, or changing attitudes, Jim helped make it happen.

Mr. President, Jim Wengert is an optimist, a doer and a believer. He believes with his head and his heart that tomorrow can be better than today. And the power to make that happen isn't in the hands of "them"—the powerful and privileged. The power to make the future brighter rests with us—by organizing and working together.

That is what a union is all about. And that's what Jim Wengert is all about.

I know the Senate joins me in wishing Jim many more years of health and happiness. And even though his retirement is a loss for the working people of Iowa, it is truly a gain for the Wengert family—for Jim's wife Joanne, his children and, of course, his grandchildren.

Once again, Mr. president I want to thank Jim Wengert for his commitment and service. We owe him an enormous debt for a lifetime of building our communities and advancing the cause of justice and dignity for the working people of Iowa and our Nation.●

#### AUSTRIAN-AMERICAN DAY

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 168, S. Res. 122.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 122) declaring September 26, 1997 as "Austrian-American Day."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 122) was considered and agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

#### S. RES. 122

Whereas 1997 marks the 50th anniversary of General George C. Marshall's plan for assisting the free countries of Europe in their post-World War II rebuilding process;